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Senator Josh Becker

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RE: SB 57 (Padilla) – The Climate Center – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Becker,

I am writing on behalf of The Climate Center and its thousands of supporters statewide to express support for your bill, SB 57 (Padilla), which would mandate the CA Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to create a special tariff designed to shield residential ratepayers from transmission costs associated with powering large data centers, while still supporting the state's climate goals.

The Climate Center is a nonprofit climate and energy policy think tank, do tank, working collaboratively for accelerated, equity-centered, labor-friendly climate policy in California. We know that as goes California, so goes the world. With the climate crisis rapidly worsening, we engage in cross-sector coalitions to enact bold, science-based policy that sparks innovation and channels market forces for speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions to benefit everyone.

Today, electricity costs are rising at unsustainable rates, burdening Californians. SB 57 will guarantee that the costs of grid investments required to support data centers are fully recovered from the data center operators rather than being unfairly passed on to ratepayers. By implementing this tariff, the bill aims to keep electricity costs from soaring without increasing the state's dependence on fossil fuels.

We must reduce our dependence on dirty fossil fuels. SB 57 requires the CPUC to ensure that all electricity supplied to any data center subject to this tariff be from 100% zero-carbon resources.

Large data centers will need a significant amount of energy supply. SB 57 ensures that ratepayers do not bear that burden while simultaneously supporting California's climate and clean energy goals. For these reasons, The Climate Center strongly supports SB 57.

We strongly urge your AYE vote.

Sincerely,



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